IN THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1-43. (canceled)

44. (previously presented) An optical display system for displaying a projected image, comprising:

a projector that projects an image beam that forms the projected image;

a prismatic optical panel, wherein said panel includes a prismatic first side optically aligned with said projector for receiving said image beam at an acute angle of incidence thereto, wherein said panel is effective for reflecting said image beam, wherein said panel displays said reflected image beam from an opposite second side thereof; and

a light control layer at said panel second side, wherein said light control layer comprises microlouvers which direct the projected image to a desired location, and wherein said microlouvers are dark in color such that ambient light is absorbed thereby enhancing contrast of said projected image.

45. (previously presented) A display system according to claim 44 wherein said microlouvers are encased in a thin film comprised of plastic or glass.

46-48. (canceled)

49. (previously presented) A method of displaying a projected image, said method comprising the steps of:

projecting an image beam with a projector, said image beam forming the projected image;

receiving, turning, and displaying said image beam with a prismatic optical panel, wherein said panel includes a prismatic first side optically aligned with said projector, wherein said step of receiving said image beam occurs at an acute angle of incidence to the panel first side, wherein said step of displaying said image beam occurs at a panel second side which is opposite to the panel first side; and

directing the projected image to a desired location with a light control layer at said panel second side, wherein said light control layer comprises microlouvers, and wherein said microlouvers are dark in color such that ambient light is absorbed thereby enhancing contrast of said projected image.

50. (previously presented) A method according to claim 49, wherein said microlouvers are encased in a thin film comprised of plastic or glass.